**Spanish American War – Political Cartoon**

**Assignment Sheet**

You are going to construct a political cartoon that demonstrates your understanding of “How the media influence public opinion and the conduct of the Spanish American War.”

1. You may work with a partner or by yourself
2. You need to brainstorm ideas (This will be a process piece that will be turned in).
3. You will be assigned one of the topics (This will be a random assignment.).

TOPICS:

1. Annexation of Hawaii
2. Protecting American Investments
3. Cuban Independence
4. Philippine Independence
5. Building the Panama Canal
6. Sinking of the U.S.S. Maine
7. Big Stick Diplomacy
8. **–ism** You must use one of the 4 isms:

Imperialism , Isolationism , Nationalism, Expansionism, Militarism,

1. Your political cartoon must include **at least one** of the following techniques that you learned about in Mrs. Peterson’s lesson:

* SYMBOLISM: the use of pictures to represent bigger ideas
* LABELING; the use of words to assist the reader to understand the topic
* EXAGGERATION: HYPERBOLE; the intentional use of making something larger than life to make a point
* ANALOGY: a comparison between two unlike objects that share some of the same characteristics; by comparing a complex issue or situation with a more familiar one, cartoonists can help their readers see it in a different light.
* IRONY: the difference between the ways things are and the way thing should be

1. You must complete a 3 2 1 as reflection:

3 What three elements of the political situation are included in your political cartoon? Why did you select these three elements to include?

2 What are the two most important ideas expressed in your political cartoon? How are you representing these two ideas?

1 Which of the two most important ideas is more closely associated with your opinion/understanding of the specific topic? Why is this so?